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DDA invites public to vote for Delaware's winning decorated egg

Delawareans of all ages decorated eggs for the Delaware White House Decorated Egg Contest. Now, we have to pick the winning egg. The Delaware Department of Agriculture invites the public to stop by their decorated egg display at the following libraries to vote for the egg that will best represent Delaware in the 2008 White House Easter Egg Collection.

- Odessa Public Library – November 4th from 1 PM to 5 PM
- Dover Public Library – November 8th from 2 PM – 8 PM
- Rehoboth Public Library – November 10th from 10 AM – 3 PM
- Delmar Public Library – November 17th from 9 AM – 3 PM

The winning egg will be displayed in the 2008 Easter Egg Collection at the White House. The winning egg artist will be invited to the White House to accompany the Delaware Egg. Also, the artist will create an exact duplicate of the winning egg and present it to the Governor of Delaware after the White House display has been set up in Washington, D. C.

Local artists in each state and the District of Columbia decorate eggs which represent their state. The 2008 White House Easter Egg Collection will continue a tradition that began in 1994 and is coordinated by the American Egg Board.

Eggs accepted for the contest had to meet the following criteria:

- Each egg was to be decorated to represent some special feature (or features) of the state.
- A local (Delaware) artist, amateur or professional, was to decorate the egg.
- An artist could submit only one decorated egg.
- Only large chicken eggs were to be used (contents removed).
- Eggs were to be freestanding, without a base or stand.
- Small end of the egg was to be facing up.

In previous years, artists have decorated eggs depicting landscapes, state symbols, beads, feathers, grain, and various other designs representative of Delaware.

For more information on the Delaware White House Decorated Egg Contest, please call or e-mail Anne Fitzgerald at the Delaware Department of Agriculture:

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